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Dear Colleague:

Day after day correctional employees throughout the state don a uniform and voluntarily enter a place where most citizens never want to go – a correctional facility. Behind the wired fences and steep walls of such facilities live offenders who broke laws and threatened society, sometimes violently and with no remorse. Undoubtedly, the work environment of a prison system is unlike many other professions, with a unique set of challenges and often few rewards.

Correctional employees serve a vital role in the criminal justice system, diligently working to keep the public safe from dangerous criminals, while providing rehabilitative services to ensure our offenders' successful re-entry back into Indiana's communities. Those working in this profession deserve the thanks and appreciation of all Hoosiers for their vigilance and dedication to maintaining public safety.

With that in mind, I encourage the citizens of Indiana to join me in celebrating Correctional Employees Week, May 3-9, 2010 and to share in recognizing the exemplary work correctional employees carry out day after day in service to public safety for the citizens of Indiana.

Whether it is a correctional officer, clerical staff, maintenance worker, or counselor, IDOC staff have displayed the utmost dedication to improving the level of correctional services provided in the State of Indiana throughout my time as Commissioner. Without fail, Indiana's correctional employees work bravely and tirelessly in hazardous conditions for the benefit of the citizens of Indiana. I cannot fully express how proud I am of the Department's over 7,000 employees who do so much for their communities and for our great State.

So, I ask all Hoosiers to join in our mission and extend thanks and gratitude to all correctional employees throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Edwin G. Buss
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